

NEBRASKA ASSESSMENT EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Nebraska Assessment Education and Certification Advisory Board met December 7, 2015 via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. central time. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the Nebraska Property Tax Administrator in developing and administering a program of continuing education for assessment officials and individuals who are interested in the assessment process and reviewing and recommending approval of courses on appraisal, assessment and taxation.

Grace Willnerd, Chairman and PAD Education Coordinator called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Roll was called and members present were:

Rose Nelson
Dottie Bartels
Pat Sandberg

Barb Oswald and Jeff Hackerott were absent. Ms. Oswald submitted commentary via email to the Board in advance of the teleconference. Christee Haney, Grant County Clerk Ex-Officio also joined the call.

The previous minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Ms. Sandberg and a second from Ms. Nelson. The motion passed.

Chairman Willnerd then discussed the 2016 draft education calendar. Ms. Oswald had commented via email that she believed the presentation scheduled for April regarding Personal Property legislative changes should be moved to February. All members of the Board agreed. Ms. Sandberg also provided the location for the Data Collection course as the Fire Barn in Aurora. A motion by Ms. Bartels was made to accept the calendar with the two changes as discussed. A second was given by Ms. Nelson. The motion passed.

During "Other Items of Interest" topic a discussion was held regarding Judy Dailey's, McPherson County Clerk Ex-Officio, letter sent to the Board on December 4, 2015. Ms. Dailey's letter expressed concerns regarding the county assessor certification examination. Ms. Sandberg asked if the Board could be sent the electronic examination to review. Ms. Willnerd replied in the affirmative. Ms. Nelson suggested that the exam price should be reduced for taking multiple examinations or simply an overall reduction for the exam. The Board agreed that special treatment could not be given to counties that have ex-officio offices and that passing an exam was important. Ms. Willnerd stated that she would copy the Board on the response being sent from the Department to Ms. Dailey.

Ms. Sandberg stated that a group of retired county assessors suggested that the Department set up mandatory workshops as they had done in the past. A discussion was had regarding the topic. Ms. Nelson stated that the one day training for new county assessors was nowhere near adequate. Ms. Willnerd explained that this year the Department held a one day training for new county assessors, but also followed up that session with one-on-one work with the county assessor with

a Department liaison. Ms. Willnerd stated that she would follow-up with the Board on how that process went this year.

Ms. Sandberg invited the Board to join her in Aurora on April 8th, 2016, for a manufactured home course that is currently being developed.

Chairman Willnerd adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m. with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Willnerd, Chairman
Assessment Education and Certification
Advisory Board